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February 13, 1968

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Mr. Richard Manuel  
619 Rue Saint Philip  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70116

Dear Mr. Manuel:

I appreciate the interest in our behalf which you expressed in your letter relative to the accusations of Mr. Jim Garrison.

We find it best not to become involved with the public press in the controversy of the assassination of the President.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor  
Chief of Police

CB:PA

**Rick Manuel  
619 Rue Saint Philip  
New Orleans, La. 70116**

Chief of Police  
Dallas Police Department  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in a matter that concerns me as a citizen of this city of New Orleans, and which should concern you as Chief of Police in Dallas.

Our D.A., Jim Garrison, has been making wild accusations in the local prese and on television against the Dallas Police Department. He also made charges in the Last issue of Ramparts magazine. He charges that your department assisted in a cover up of evidence concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, in what he calls a CIA orientated plot.

I would be interested in at least hearing you get up and call him a damn liar, because I feel certain he is making a false statement, and although the people of this city seem to think he is God, the States-Item newspaper doesn't, and would welcome a statement from you. I don't think any police official would act in such a plot, and I don't think any of your officers assisted in any way.

Sincerely yours,

  
Richard Manuel

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P.S. Maybe you could let the press know what evidence you showed at the time of the assassination that proved Oswald fired that gun. I know you had such evidence, but everyone seems to forget that. The D.A. here is trying to really smear your department and a lot of other people.

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May 10, 1968  
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Mr. John Baalman and  
Mr. Don Perrigin  
432 Gannon Hall  
Pullman, Washington 99163

Gentlemen:

Evidence surrounding the events of the assassination of  
President Kennedy are available only through the Warren  
Commission Report.

Very truly yours,

Ches. Batchelor  
Chief of Police

CB:PA

Monday, May 6, 1968.

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Dear Sir,

It has come to our attention that you have on file a certain document of an affidavit given by a Mrs. Helen Merkhams on or about November 22, 1963 concerning the killing of officer J. D. Tippit the day of November 22, 1963.

We were wondering if it is possible to send us a copy of this affidavit. If this is impossible please advise us if this affidavit is available to the public in any way, such as appearing in person.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

John Beelman  
Don Perrigin

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432 Cannon Hall

Pullman, Washington

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May 14, 1968

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Mr. William E. Hinton  
729 North Robinson  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Dear Mr. Hinton:

All evidence surrounding the events of the assassination of President Kennedy has been turned over to the Warren Commission. The information you seek can be found in their report.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor  
Chief of Police

CB:PA